

using the latest techniques work to improve the lives of all they serve. The role and importance of the family are stressed, with the ultimate goal of preserving the family unit whenever and wherever possible.

Today I want to commend Parsons' service and commitment to our region's families and children. I encourage us all to look towards them as a model of positive support and outcomes in a system that has turned around the lives of so many. With one in every five American children living in poverty, we commend the role of the professionals at Parsons for the work it does.

RECOGNIZING THE MURRAY GREY FOUNDATION AND WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

(Mr. WITTMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Murray Grey Foundation and Wreaths Across America. The Murray Grey Foundation and its Military Families Support Fund provides America's military families with emergency financial support and resources in their time of need.

The Murray Grey Foundation recognizes that the sacrifices that our military servicemembers and their families continue to make are not only personal and professional but also financial. The foundation assists by providing financial assistance, education, and support to help military families avoid foreclosure or eviction from their homes and preserve their home ownership. They also provide emergency financial support, food, clothing, utility payments, transportation, rent and other critical resources.

This year, the foundation partnered with Wreaths Across America, which places wreaths on the graves of veterans, to establish the Patriots Wreaths Program.

I applaud the outstanding contributions of organizations like the Murray Grey Foundation and their work to honor the contributions of our Nation's veterans, servicemembers and their families.

ARC OF BROWARD COUNTY

(Mr. KLEIN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, last week I had the chance to visit a remarkable organization in my congressional district, the ARC of Broward County. ARC Broward is a private, not-for-profit organization that supports children and adults with autism, Down's syndrome and other developmental disabilities.

This innovative group provides an invaluable service for their clients in our community. Currently serving over 1,600 people, ARC Broward also provides good jobs for more than 450 local

health care, educational, and other professionals.

ARC clients find independence and dignity both at home and at work. ARC is currently home to 80 residents, many of whom have single family homes that ARC owns and operates. In addition, they provide job training in fields like culinary arts and own and operate an on-campus electronic recycling business.

I would like to thank the residents and staff at the ARC for welcoming me so warmly last week and congratulate all of them on their extraordinary contributions to our community.

JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank President Obama for convening a forum on jobs and economic growth in the White House today.

As too many of our constituents enter this holiday season perhaps having lost their jobs or facing lower wages, higher health care costs, or out-of-control mortgages, and many of whom have lost their homes, we absolutely must focus on rebuilding our economy and pursuing all avenues to create jobs. Rhode Island felt the painful effects of the current economic downturn, and that is why it is so important to me that we have a seat at this forum.

I am pleased to say that President DiPasquale of the Community College of Rhode Island will be there to share their perspective on workforce development, job training, retraining workers, and educational opportunity for the 21st century.

Economic development continues to be my top priority, and I look forward to working with my friends in Congress and with President Obama to increase job opportunities across our country.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4154, PERMANENT ESTATE TAX RELIEF FOR FAMILIES, FARMERS, AND SMALL BUSINESSES ACT OF 2009

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 941 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 941

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 4154) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the new carryover basis rules in order to prevent tax increases and the imposition of compliance burdens on many more estates than would benefit from repeal, to retain the estate tax with a \$3,500,000 exemption, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The bill shall be considered as read. All

points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. In the engrossment of H.R. 4154, the Clerk shall—

(a) add the text of H.R. 2920, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 4154;

(b) conform the title of H.R. 4154 to reflect the addition to the engrossment of the text of H.R. 2920;

(c) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and

(d) conform provisions for short titles within the engrossment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Colorado is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART). All time yielded during consideration of the rule is for debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. POLIS. I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to insert extraneous materials into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

Mr. POLIS. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4154, the Permanent Estate Tax Relief for Families, Farmers, and Small Businesses Act of 2009. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI and against the bill itself. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except 1 hour of debate and one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

In the engrossment of H.R. 4154, the Clerk is directed to add at the end the text of H.R. 2920, the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go-Act of 2009, as passed by the House.

Mr. Speaker, this past weekend in honor of the Thanksgiving holidays, NBC's "Meet the Press" hosted the Reverend Rick Warren in a discussion on giving and civic duty. During the dialogue, Rev. Warren stated his belief that it isn't a sin to be rich, but it is a sin to die rich. While I don't agree with Rev. Warren on many issues, I ask my colleagues to now reflect on the meaning of those words. The Reverend was speaking, of course, of the importance of charity and our moral obligation to improve the condition of our fellow man whenever and wherever we can.

Today I speak to you with the same sense of duty—duty to our country that has allowed me personally to achieve personal wealth, and in turn, to help others.